

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01987-RDM**

SCOVILLE v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Randolph D. Moss  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/03/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/03/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6233145) filed by RYAN SCOVILLE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F, # <u>7</u> Exhibit G, # <u>8</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>9</u> Summons)(Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 07/03/2019)
07/03/2019	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua Hart Burday on behalf of RYAN SCOVILLE (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 07/03/2019)
07/05/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (zjd) (Entered: 07/05/2019)
07/05/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zjd) (Entered: 07/05/2019)
07/08/2019	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 7/8/2019. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 07/08/2019)
07/24/2019	<u>5</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR. . . .NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of All Defendants (Taaffe, Damon) Modified on 7/29/2019 (ztd). (Entered: 07/24/2019)
07/29/2019		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>5</u> Notice of Appearance; emailed to damon.taaffe@usdoj.gov, cc'd 4 associated attorneys -- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Incorrect header/caption/case number, 2. Please refile document (ztd, ) (Entered: 07/29/2019)
08/02/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 7/24/2019 (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
08/02/2019	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/16/2019. (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
08/02/2019	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/16/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/15/2019. (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
08/06/2019	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of RYAN SCOVILLE (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 08/06/2019)
08/13/2019	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 08/13/2019)
08/21/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to appear for an Initial Scheduling Conference on September 27, 2019, at 2:15 p.m. in Courtroom 21. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall confer in advance of the Initial Scheduling Conference on (1) whether any records can be released, and (2) the proper next steps in this litigation. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 08/21/19. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 08/21/2019)
08/21/2019		Set/Reset Hearings: Initial Scheduling Conference set for 9/27/2019, at 2:15 PM, in Courtroom 21, before Judge Randolph D. Moss. (kt) (Entered: 08/21/2019)
09/23/2019	<u>11</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear by Telephone by RYAN SCOVILLE (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 09/23/2019)
09/23/2019	<u>12</u>	RESPONSE re <u>11</u> MOTION for Leave to Appear by Telephone filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 09/23/2019)
09/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Plaintiff's motion to appear by telephone <u>11</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is granted. Signed by Judge Randolph D.

		Moss on 09/23/19. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 09/23/2019)
09/27/2019		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Randolph D. Moss: Initial Scheduling Conference held on 9/27/2019. Joint Status Report due on or before 11/29/2019. As to the first two categories, the State Department shall begin the process of releasing records, with the first tranche of responsive records due on or before 10/28/2019. (Court Reporter: Jeff Hook.) (kt) (Entered: 09/27/2019)
11/29/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 11/29/2019)
12/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' joint status report <u>13</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report on or before January 26, 2020. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 12/2/19. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 12/02/2019)
01/16/2020	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Brenda A. Gonzalez on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Damon Taaffe (Gonzalez, Brenda) (Entered: 01/16/2020)
01/27/2020	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez, Brenda) (Entered: 01/27/2020)
02/07/2020		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before March 11, 2020. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 2/7/20. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 02/07/2020)
03/11/2020	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez, Brenda) (Entered: 03/11/2020)
03/12/2020		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' joint status report <u>16</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before April 27, 2020. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 3/12/20. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 03/12/2020)
04/27/2020	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez, Brenda) (Entered: 04/27/2020)
06/04/2020		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' joint status report <u>17</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that they shall file a further joint status report on or before June 25, 2020. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 6/4/20. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 06/04/2020)
06/05/2020	<u>18</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Michael A. Tilghman on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 06/05/2020)
06/05/2020	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 06/05/2020)
06/25/2020	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 06/25/2020)
07/06/2020	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 07/06/2020)